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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN AND
OTHER OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR

The Year Ending
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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

DANIEL C. WESTGATE

Selectmen

WILLIAM H. SKINNER ROBERT R. PENNIMAN
EXOM O. EATON

Town Clerk

EDWIN G. KENYON

Town Treasurer

MORRIS G. PENNIMAN

Tax Collector

SAMUEL W. CLARK

Supervisors of the Check List

FRANK L. FRENCH ALBERT K. READ
GEORGE S. RUGGLES

School Board

MARY A. FREEMAN LOUIS E. SHIPMAN
WESLEY W. JORDAN

Board of Health

ERNEST L. HUSE, M.D. NATHAN R. ANDREWS
EDWIN G. KENYON

Library Trustees

MARION EASTMAN LETTIE S. KENYON
ROSAMOND S. JORDAN

District Treasurer

MORRIS G. PENNIMAN

Auditors

WESLEY W. JORDAN FRANK W. TRUE

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the town of Plainfield qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall in Meriden, in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article I. To choose a town clerk, three selectmen, treasurer, collector, highway surveyors, prosecuting liquor agent, one library trustee for three years, and all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

II. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay outstanding notes and interest, and all other necessary town expenses for the ensuing year.

III. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for repairs of highways and bridges, above the amount required by law for the ensuing year.

IV. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Memorial Day.

V. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the expenses of Old Home Week.

VI. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise for the support of an annual free bed in the Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital; also appoint committees or make resolutions regarding the same.

VII. To see if the town will vote to accept State highway aid the ensuing year and raise \$309.80 necessary in accepting the same.

VIII. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the highway commenceing at the south-west corner of William A. Talbert's house lot in East Plainfield, leading westerly over Hough Hill (so-called) to Lebanon line.

IX. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to build one or more Iron Bridges.

(By Request)

X. To see if the town will vote to let the two town

halls, for all proper entertainments, at cost of light, heat, and janitor service.

XI. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of fifty (\$50.00) dollars from Mrs. Abbie M. Rowell, the same to be known as the Marlin D. Rowell cemetery fund, the income of which shall be used in caring for the Marlin D. Rowell lot in the East Plainfield cemetery, also to see what rate of interest, if any, the town will guarantee upon this fund.

XII. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of two hundred (\$200.00) dollars from Ira P. McAllister, the income of which shall be used for the perpetual care of the lots in the East Plainfield cemetery known as the Isaac E. and the B. F. McCollister lots, also to see what rate of interest the town will vote to guarantee upon this fund.

XIII. To see if the town will vote to dispense with a liquor agent for the ensuing year.

XIV. To see if the town will vote to dispense with delivering inventory blanks until time of taking inventory.

XV. To see what action the town will take in relation to the report of the town officers.

XVI. To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 17th day of February, 1910.

| | | |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| WILLIAM H. SKINNER | } | Selectmen of Plainfield |
| ROBERT R. PENNIMAN | | |
| EXOM O. EATON | | |

A true copy of warrant attest.

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|--------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| WILLIAM H. SKINNER | } | Selectmen of Plainfield |
| ROBERT R. PENNIMAN | | |
| EXOM O. EATON | | |

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

INVENTORY OF TOWN TAKEN APRIL 1, 1909

| | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Polls, 281 | \$ 28,100 00 |
| Real Estate | 448,515 00 |
| Horses, 441 | 28,256 00 |
| Oxen, 70 | 4,628 00 |
| Cows, 678 | 16,538 00 |
| Neat, 317 | 6,030 00 |
| Sheep, 725 | 2,267 00 |
| Hogs, 15 | 134 00 |
| Vehicles | 1,145 00 |
| Bank Stock | 9,392 00 |
| Money on hand or at interest | 49,303 00 |
| Stock in trade | 20,642 00 |
| Mills and machinery | 4,650 00 |
| Total | \$619,600 00 |

AMOUNT OF TAXES RAISED FOR ALL PURPOSES

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| State tax | \$1,680 00 |
| County tax | 1,763 75 |
| Town tax | 2,500 00 |
| Highways | 1,549 00 |
| Highways, extra | 500 00 |
| School board | 100 00 |
| Hospital | 300 00 |
| State aid | 305 50 |
| School tax | 1,575 00 |
| School tax, extra | 250 00 |
| Schoolhouse repairs | 50 00 |

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|---------------|-------------|
| Library tax | \$ 63 00 |
| Town hall tax | 300 00 |
| Tree warden | 25 00 |
| Old Home Day | 25 00 |
| Memorial Day | 20 00 |
| Percentage | 456 35 |
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| | \$11,462 60 |

Rate \$1.85

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

RECEIPTS

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Cash on hand February 15, 1909 | \$ 602 83 |
| Total receipts during the year | 14,382 15 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$14,984 98 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Total disbursements during the year | \$13,750 70 |
| Cash on hand, February 15, 1910 | 1,234 28 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$14,984 98 |

DEBT

| | |
|--|------------|
| Liabilities February 15, 1910 | \$4,537 81 |
| Assets February 15, 1910 | 3,597 98 |
| Balance against town February 15, 1910 | \$939 83 |
| Liabilities February 15, 1909 | \$4,498 31 |
| Assets February 15, 1909 | 2,814 45 |
| Balance against town February 15, 1909 | \$1,683 86 |
| Decrease of balance during the year | 744 03 |

RECEIPTS

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Cash on hand February 15, 1910 | \$ 602 83 |
| Taxes from collectors | 11,474 39 |
| Savings bank tax | 559 48 |
| Literary fund | 99 82 |
| Railroad tax | 37 72 |
| School fund | 255 50 |
| County paupers | 265 85 |
| Dependent soldiers | 23 00 |
| Dog licenses | 192 10 |
| Land rent | 87 51 |
| State highway | 168 80 |
| Town notes | 800 00 |
| Cemetery fund | 300 00 |
| Town halls | 19 31 |
| Interest on Burnap fund | 96 43 |
| Miscellaneous | 2 24 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$14,984 98 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Town officers | \$ 384 77 |
| County poor | 344 79 |
| Dependent soldier | 10 00 |
| Transient | 1 50 |
| Support of schools | 2,444 11 |
| Highways | 2,071 63 |
| Librarians | 50 00 |
| Repairs on town hall | 439 41 |
| School board | 115 00 |
| District treasurer | 10 00 |
| Tuition at K. U. A. | 997 71 |
| Debt | 1,300 00 |
| Interest on debt | 122 07 |
| Schoolhouse repairs | 50 00 |

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| School supplies | \$ 174 89 |
| Hospital | 300 00 |
| County tax | 1,763 75 |
| State tax | 1,680 00 |
| Library tax | 63 00 |
| Interest on trust funds | 56 00 |
| State road | 623 49 |
| Dog orders | 47 00 |
| Overtaxes | 214 00 |
| Drainage on highway | 150 00 |
| Miscellaneous | 337 58 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$13,750 70 |

LIABILITIES

| | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Outstanding notes and interest | \$2,561 70 |
| Lucy P. Chamberlain, cemetery fund | 600 00 |
| Interest on same | 36 00 |
| Westgate-Peterson cemetery fund | 150 00 |
| Interest on same | 28 50 |
| Burnap fund | 76 43 |
| Appropriation for permanent highway | 478 83 |
| Dog fund | 145 10 |
| E. G. Kenyon, services as clerk | 25 00 |
| M. G. Penniman, services as treasurer | 40 00 |
| W. H. Skinner, services as selectman | 76 00 |
| R. R. Penniman, services as selectman | 39 25 |
| E. O. Eaton, services as selectman | 58 00 |
| Overseers of poor | 26 00 |
| S. W. Clark, services as collector | 100 00 |
| School board | 85 00 |
| M. G. Penniman, district treasurer | 12 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$4,537 81 |

ASSETS

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Due from county, Feb. 15, 1910 | \$ 134 59 |
| state highway fund | 191 53 |
| O. A. Stearns, land rent | 21 70 |
| Harry L. Duncan | 2 55 |
| L. E. Shipman | 8 00 |
| Isabella Green | 3 00 |
| D. N. Moulton | 7 50 |
| S. W. Clark, collector 1906 | 38 55 |
| “ “ 1907 | 96 90 |
| “ “ 1908 | 360 31 |
| “ “ 1909 | 1,499 07 |
| Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1910 | 1,234 28 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$3,597 98 |

Respectfully submitted,

| | | |
|--------------------|---|------------|
| W. H. SKINNER | } | Selectmen |
| ROBERT R. PENNIMAN | | of |
| E. O. EATON | | Plainfield |

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD TO OVERSEERS OF POOR

Dr.

To cash paid for support of county poor as follows:

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Edith Alexander | \$ 6 50 |
| Villa Alexander | 45 20 |
| Vivian Alexander | 67 11 |
| William Walker | 115 67 |
| May White | 3 49 |
| James Blunt | 10 91 |
| John Holt | 13 91 |
| Maud Morse | 5 00 |
| Mrs. Francis Fifield | 3 00 |
| Irwin Eaton | 74 00 |
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| | \$344 79 |
| Dependent soldier, B. W. Adams | 10 00 |
| Transient | 1 50 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$356 29 |

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| By orders on town treasurer for support of paupers and dependent soldiers | \$356 29 |
|--|----------|

Due from county Feb. 15, 1910, for support as follows:

| | |
|-----------------|----------|
| William Walker | \$ 48 88 |
| John Holt | 13 91 |
| Villa Alexander | 9 20 |

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Vivian Alexander | \$19 20 |
| May White | 3 49 |
| James Blunt | 10 91 |
| Irwin Eaton | 26 00 |
| Mrs. Francis Fifield | 3 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$134 59 |

Respectfully submitted,

| | |
|---------------|---------------------|
| W. H. SKINNER | } Overseers of Poor |
| E. O. EATON | |

DOG REPORT

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Received from town clerk for licenses | \$192 10 |
| Sidney Sanborn | \$ 5 00 |
| E. C. Daniels | 7 50 |
| W. O. Kenyon | 20 00 |
| Geo. S. Hanchett | 2 50 |
| E. R. Miller, services as constable | 5 50 |
| H. C. Daniels | 2 50 |
| Selectmen, examinations | 4 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 47 00 |
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| Balance in treasury | \$145 10 |

Respectfully submitted,

EXOM O. EATON, Selectman

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1910

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT

DR.

| | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Cash received for licenses | \$211 50 |
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|--------------------------|--------|
| Cash paid Town Treasurer | 192 10 |
| Fees on 97 dogs | 19 40 |
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\$211 50

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN G. KENYON, Town Clerk

COLLECTOR'S STATEMENT

| | | |
|--------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Due from Collector's 1905 book | | \$ 29 33 |
| Collected | \$22 39 | |
| Abated | 6 94 | |
| | ----- | \$ 29 33 |
| Due from Collector's 1906 book | | \$132 23 |
| Collected | \$82 08 | |
| Abated | 11 60 | |
| Now due | 38 55 | |
| | ----- | \$132 23 |
| Due from Collector's 1907 book | | \$452 14 |
| Collected | \$331 76 | |
| Abated | 23 48 | |
| Now due | 96 90 | |
| | ----- | \$452 14 |
| Due from Collector's 1908 book | | \$1,475 32 |
| Collected | \$1,088 48 | |
| Abated | 26 53 | |
| Now due | 360 31 | |
| | ----- | \$1,475 32 |
| Due from Collector's 1909 book | | \$11,462 60 |
| Collected | \$9,947 06 | |
| Abated | 16 47 | |
| Now due | 1,499 07 | |
| | ----- | \$11,462 60 |
| Interest on above books | | 2 62 |

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. CLARK, Collector

TRUST FUNDS

LUCY PARKER CHAMBERLAIN CEMETERY FUND

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|---------------|
| Fund in town treasury | | \$600 00 |
| | DR. | |
| To one year's interest | | \$36 00 |
| Unexpended 1909 | | 1 96 |
| | | ----- \$37 96 |
| | CR. | |
| Paid for labor and material | | \$23 62 |
| Remaining in hands of trustees | | 14 34 |
| | | ----- \$37 96 |

CLARA FREEMAN CEMETERY FUND

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Fund in Dartmouth Savings Bank | \$159 25 |
| Paid for labor and material | 13 35 |
| Interest due | 8 45 |
| W. K. DANIELS, Trustee | |

CYRUS SMITH FUND

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| Fund in town treasury | \$50 00 |
| O. V. EASTMAN, Trustee | |

JUNIUS A. SPENCER FUND

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Fund in town treasury | \$300 00 |
| Cash paid for care of lot | 1 00 |
| SELECTMEN, Trustees | |

ESTHER F. WRIGHT FUND

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Fund in town treasury | \$100 00 |
| C. H. PETERSON, Trustee | |

WESTGATE PETERSON FUND

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Fund in town treasury | \$150 00 |
| Interest due | 28 50 |
| C. H. PETERSON, Trustee | |

SOPHIA R. BAKER FUND

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Fund in town treasury | \$150 00 |
| SELECTMEN, Trustees | |

JASON F. JOHNSON CEMETERY FUND

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Fund in town treasury | \$300 00 |
| ABBIE D. JOHNSON, Trustee | |

ELIJAH W. BURNAP TRUST FUND

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Fund in New Hampshire Savings Bank | \$2,750 80 |
| Interest received | \$96 43 |
| Expended by Selectmen | 20 00 |
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| Amount in town treasury | \$76 43 |
| SELECTMEN, Trustees | |

SUPPORT OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

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| Amount required to be raised by law | \$1549 00 |
| Amount raised extra | 500 00 |
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| | \$2049 00 |
| Set aside for state road | 606 50 |
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| Amount available for general repairs | \$1442 50 |
| Paid for general repairs on highways and bridges and for breaking roads | \$2071 63 |
| Deficit | \$629 13 |

STATE ROAD

| | Bal. 1908 | 1909 | Total |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Town contribution | \$21 52 | \$912 00 | \$933 52 |
| State contribution | 8 61 | 364 80 | 373 41 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total joint fund | \$30 13 | \$1276 80 | \$1306 93 |
| Town disbursements approved | | \$623 49 | |
| State " " | | 13 08 | |
| | | <hr/> | |
| | | | \$ 636 57 |
| Paid by state to town | \$168 80 | | |
| Balance in town treasury | | \$478 83 | |
| " state treasury | | 191 53 | |
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| Total unexpended balance | | | \$ 670 36 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | | | \$1306 93 |
| By orders on town treasurer | | | \$ 623 49 |
| Paid for labor and material, East part | | \$47 50 | |
| Paid for labor and material, West part | | 575 99 | |
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| | | | \$ 623 49 |

JANITOR'S REPORT, TOWN HALL (MERIDEN)

RECEIPTS

| | | | |
|---------|-----------------------------|--------|---------|
| Feb. 22 | Washington's birthday party | \$2 00 | |
| May 15 | Seniors' play | 2 00 | |
| July 16 | Peak Sisters' play | 1 00 | |
| | Court | 2 00 | |
| | 3 dances | 7 00 | |
| | 2 lectures | 3 00 | |
| Dec. 15 | Oyster supper | 1 00 | |
| | | ----- | \$18 00 |

EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|--------------------|--------|---------|
| Oil | \$2 00 | |
| Wood | 4 00 | |
| Sawing wood | 50 | |
| Janitor's per cent | 9 00 | |
| | ----- | \$15 50 |

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|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Balance turned into town treasury | \$ 2 50 |
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FRED FREEMAN, Janitor

JANITOR'S REPORT, TOWN HALL (PLAIN)

RECEIPTS

| | | |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|
| 10 dances | \$22 50 | |
| 2 dances | 5 00 | |
| 1 dance | 1 75 | |
| 5 card parties | 10 00 | |
| Lectures | 6 00 | |
| Rent of hall to Mrs. Davidge | 12 00 | |
| M. and D. entertainment | 1 25 | |
| | ----- | \$58 50 |

EXPENDITURES

| | |
|---|---------------|
| Paid 43 gallons oil | \$ 5 64 |
| 2 lamp chimneys | 50 |
| 1 lamp chimney | 10 |
| J. W. Spalding, sawing wood | 50 |
| E. Cole " | 35 |
| Janitor's per cent | 29 25 |
| Getting and removing sawdust, town meeting | 2 00 |
| School meeting | 50 |
| Dustbane for hall floor | 75 |
| C. E. Eggleston, sawing wood | 60 |
| For drawing wood and putting in shed (2 1-2 cords stove wood) | 1 25 |
| I. W. Spalding, Jr., sawing wood | 25 |
| | <hr/> \$41 69 |
| Balance paid into treasury | \$16 81 |

E. G. KENYON, Janitor

MARY HITCHCOCK MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

From Feb. 1, 1909 to Feb. 1, 1910, the Plainfield free bed has been occupied by 15 people, the number of days of occupancy being 253 days.

SELECTMEN OF PLAINFIELD

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

MORRIS G. PENNIMAN, Treasurer

| | |
|---|----------|
| Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1909 | \$602 83 |
| Received of E. G. Kenyon, dog licenses | 192 10 |
| county for support of paupers | 265 85 |
| “ dependent soldiers | 23 00 |
| Harry L. Duncan, land rent | 10 20 |
| Harold Chellis | 26 66 |
| W. H. Sisson, adm'r. of Mrs. F. A. Jordan estate | 2 50 |
| Sherman T. Jordan, land rent | 5 00 |
| Joseph Goodwin “ | 9 00 |
| Frank Jenney “ | 9 16 |
| Elmer Wheeler “ | 13 33 |
| Dennis Cross “ | 11 66 |
| Selectmen, the same being interest on Elijah Burnap fund | 96 43 |
| Selectmen, the same being the Jason F. Johnston cemetery fund | 300 00 |
| George H. Moore 3 1-2 % loan | 500 00 |
| Selectmen, the same being state highway fund | 168 80 |
| W. H. Skinner, for sale of supplies from repairing town hall (Plain) | 2 24 |
| Fred Freeman, rent town hall (Meriden) | 2 50 |
| E. G. Kenyon, rent town hall (Plain) | 16 81 |

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|--|-------------|
| Received S. W. Clark, collector 1905 | \$22 39 |
| “ “ 1906 | 82 08 |
| “ “ 1907 | 331 76 |
| “ “ 1908 | 1,088 48 |
| “ “ 1909 | 9,947 06 |
| “ “ interest | 2 62 |
| S. A. Carter, state railroad tax | 37 72 |
| “ savings bank tax | 559 48 |
| “ literary fund | 99 82 |
| “ school fund | 255 50 |
| E. O. Eaton, 3 1-2 % loan | 300 00 |
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| Total amount receipts ending Feb. 15, 1910 | \$14,984 98 |

PAID ORDERS FROM SELECTMEN AS FOLLOWS

| | |
|---|----------|
| Morris G. Penniman, town clerk | \$ 25 00 |
| Edwin G. Kenyon, town treasurer | 40 00 |
| Charles H. Peterson, selectman | 85 00 |
| Charles H. Peterson, selectman from February 15 to March 9, 1909 | 7 79 |
| C. H. Peterson and E. O. Eaton, services as overseers of poor | 25 98 |
| W. H. Skinner, selectman | 46 00 |
| E. O. Eaton “ | 51 00 |
| S. W. Clark, tax collector | 100 00 |
| D. C. Westgate, for school board | 100 00 |
| D. C. Westgate, district treasurer | 10 00 |
| F. A. Musgrove, printing town reports | 45 00 |
| L. P. Chamberlain, interest of cemetery fund | 36 00 |
| R. H. Penninan, endorsement on note | 500 00 |
| C. A. Tracy, tuition winter term | 288 00 |
| Charles Woodward, overtax 1908 | 7 50 |
| E. C. Daniels, overtax on Spencer place | 4 50 |
| E. C. Daniels, overtax on lumber | 3 00 |

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|--|---------|
| R. H. Penniman, interest on note | \$34 00 |
| Martha Smith " | 10 00 |
| Ida F. Shepard, town free bed | 300 00 |
| Eliza F. Manchester, interest on note | 5 00 |
| George W. Doyle, flags for Memorial day | 3 60 |
| E. G. Kenyon, dog supplies | 1 77 |
| J. W. Peterson, memorial day | 10 00 |
| W. H. Skinner, support of paupers | 53 76 |
| G. W. Doyle, memorial day | 6 40 |
| E. O. Eaton, support of paupers | 21 50 |
| " " | 8 00 |
| Lettie S. Kenyon, librarian | 25 00 |
| C. A. Tracy, tuition spring term | 288 00 |
| A. B. Chellis, Old Home day | 25 00 |
| O. A. Stearns, damage to horse on highway | 50 00 |
| T. P. Waterman " " | 100 00 |
| Edson C. Eastman, collector's book | 1 94 |
| F. A. Musgrove, town orders and letter heads | 3 25 |
| Lettie S. Kenyon, library books | 63 00 |
| Wilmer Spaulding, road machine repairs | 6 60 |
| W. H. Skinner, repairs town hall (Plain) | 100 00 |
| W. H. Skinner, support of paupers | 96 94 |
| C. A. Tracy, tuition fall term | 421 71 |
| E. O. Eaton, support of paupers | 40 00 |
| Marion Eastman, librarian | 25 00 |
| W. H. Skinner, repairs on town hall (Plain) | 150 00 |
| O. A. Milner, repairing road machine | 9 65 |
| Selectmen, interest of Burnap fund | 10 00 |
| W. H. Skinner, repairs on town hall (Plain) | 50 00 |
| W. H. Sisson, insurance on town hall (Meriden) | 48 00 |
| Selectmen, account of Burnap fund | 10 00 |
| Albert L. Hall, abstracts of transfers | 5 80 |
| John Hadlock, bolts for road machine | 8 60 |
| Cabot Bros., 50 chairs for town hall (Plain) | 30 00 |
| Clara S. Davidge, overtax | 185 00 |

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| A. W. Densmore, support of watering trough | \$ 3 00 |
| B. W. Penniman, services as ballot inspector 1907 | 2 00 |
| O. C. Davis, support of watering trough | 1 50 |
| R. H. Penniman " " | 1 00 |
| S. W. Clark " " | 2 00 |
| S. W. Clark, care of Spencer lot | 1 00 |
| New Hampshire Savings bank, exchange on draft | 1 38 |
| E. L. Huse, reporting births, marriages and deaths | 3 68 |
| R. R. Penniman, mowing cemetery | 60 |
| Stephen Woodward, support of watering trough | 3 00 |
| David Emery " " | 2 50 |
| H. W. Parker, retaining fee | 15 00 |
| E. R. Miller, truant officer | 3 60 |
| Nathan Andrews, service and expense as board of health | 4 50 |
| F. W. True, auditor, | 2 00 |
| W. W. Jordan, auditor | 2 00 |
| Emma Moulton, services as member of school board | 15 00 |
| G. W. Doyle, flags | 2 30 |
| Curtis Doyle, publishing | 1 55 |
| H. C. Daniels, support of watering trough | 2 00 |
| C. S. Burr, services of hearse | 25 00 |
| E. G. Kenyon, recording births, marriages and deaths | 7 35 |
| D. N. Moulton, support of 2 watering troughs | 4 00 |
| D. C. Westgate, 2 1-2 cords of wood | 12 50 |
| D. C. Westgate, justice fee | 3 79 |
| W. H. Skinner, repairs on town hall (Plain) | 139 41 |
| Wilmer Spaulding, 1-2 cord wood | 2 50 |
| I. N. Fowler, M.D., reporting births and deaths | 75 |
| Selectmen, stationery, express and postage | 12 97 |
| E. O. Eaton, support of paupers | 29 00 |
| Walter Walker, services as constable | 4 50 |

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|---|----------|
| W. H Skinner, copying invoice | \$ 3 00 |
| W. H. Skinner, support of paupers | 107 09 |
| N. P. Clough & Son, overtax | 14 00 |
| Morris Penniman, school supplies | 174 89 |
| D. F. Jordan, pass over land | 5 00 |
| Windsor Savings Bank, interest on notes | 73 07 |
| S. A. Carter, state tax | 1,680 00 |
| H. N. Johnson, county tax | 1,763 75 |
| Town note | 800 00 |

HIGHWAY ORDERS

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| E. C. Daniels, 2510 ft. bridge timber | 50 20 |
| E. H. Slack | 9 30 |
| L. C. Mason | 15 20 |
| E. J. Moulton | 9 80 |
| O. A. Stearns, material for highway | 12 00 |
| Fred A. Rogers | 2 00 |
| Charles Hersey | 3 60 |
| N. R. Andrews | 6 05 |
| C. P. Camp | 3 15 |
| A. L. Hadley | 68 55 |
| D. F. Jordan | 3 04 |
| J. W. Westgate | 60 00 |
| J. H. Cutting | 73 55 |
| Charles Hersey | 80 00 |
| L. C. Mason | 200 00 |
| C. C. Cobb | 15 00 |
| J. W. Westgate | 50 00 |
| N. R. Andrews | 100 00 |
| A. L. Hadley | 100 00 |
| J. W. Westgate | 125 00 |
| E. J. Moulton | 80 00 |
| C. P. Camp | 25 26 |
| A. L. Hadley | 150 00 |
| G. E. Read | 26 53 |

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| W. H. Skinner, state road | \$200 00 |
| “ “ | 200 00 |
| J. W. Westgate | 75 00 |
| W. H. Skinner, state road | 100 00 |
| E. O. Eaton “ | 47 50 |
| G. E. Read | 60 91 |
| F. W. True | 10 12 |
| H. C. Daniels, bridge plank | 33 87 |
| H. C. Daniels | 53 42 |
| C. J. Mason | 19 56 |
| W. H. Skinner, state road | 75 99 |
| L. E. Shipman | 25 00 |
| C. P. Camp | 7 60 |
| C. C. Cobb | 10 82 |
| E. J. Moulton | 1 75 |
| F. A. Rogers | 32 10 |
| N. R. Andrews | 72 15 |
| J. H. Cutting | 59 15 |
| John Porter | 10 00 |
| F. W. True | 5 55 |
| L. C. Mason | 98 59 |
| C. S. Hersey | 29 42 |
| J. W. Westgate | 24 63 |
| J. W. Westgate | 26 00 |
| G. E. Read | 9 97 |
| A. L. Hadley | 28 75 |
| H. C. Daniels | 1 00 |
| D. F. Jordan | 3 00 |
| Silsby Bros., lumber | 105 04 |

SCHOOL ORDERS

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| M. G. Penniman | \$2,444 11 |
| M. G. Penniman, repairs | 50 00 |

DOG ORDERS

| | |
|--|---------|
| Sidney Sanborn | \$ 5 00 |
| W. O. Kenyon | 20 00 |
| Selectmen, examination | 4 00 |
| E. R. Miller, services as dog constable | 5 50 |
| George Hanchett | 2 50 |
| H. C. Daniels, services as dog constable | 2 50 |
| E. C. Daniels | 7 50 |

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|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Total amount of disbursements | \$13,750 70 |
| Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1910 | 1234 20 |

\$14,984 98

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| Total amount of receipts Feb. 19, 1910 | \$14,984 98 |
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Respectfully submitted,

MORRIS G. PENNIMAN, Treasurer

We, the undersigned, auditors of the town of Plainfield, have examined the foregoing accounts of the town treasurer, selectmen, and other agents of the town, also the accounts of the treasurer of the school district of the town of Plainfield, and find the same properly vouched and correctly cast.

WESLEY W. JORDAN }
FRANK W. TRUE } Auditors

LIBRARY TRUSTEES' REPORT

The library Trustees would respectfully submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 15, 1910:

| | |
|--|---------------|
| Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1909 | \$ 1 52 |
| Received on selectmen's order | 63 00 |
| for fines and use of book by non-residents | 5 05 |
| | <hr/> \$69 57 |
| Paid for 71 books | \$61 74 |
| Courier Pub. Co., for slips and numbers | 1 13 |
| Express on books | 2 10 |
| Miscellaneous expenses | 1 23 |
| | <hr/> \$66 20 |
| Balance on hand Feb. 15, 1910 | <hr/> \$3 37 |

During the year 120 books have been added to the library, quite a number of these being given, as follows: No. 1271 and 1831 given by Mrs. C. S. Davidge, 1722 and 1723 given by the author. From 1752 to 1792, inclusive, were given by Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. Davidge, also 1829, 1830, and 1831, four volumes by Mrs. Susan Fellows, one volume by Charles Woodward, one year of Harper's Magazine for 1908 by Mrs. J. F. Cann.

The interior of the library at the Plain has been freshened with kalsomine and paint, the work being given by Mr. Kenyon.

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| MARION EASTMAN | } | Trustees |
| LETTIE S. KENYON | | |
| ROSAMOND S. JORDAN | | |

LIST OF BOOKS ADDED DURING THE YEAR

| No. | | AUTHOR |
|------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1721 | The Faith Healer | Wm. Vaughn Moody |
| 1722 | The Bench and Bar of N. H. | Chas. H. Bell |
| 1723 | History of Exeter | |
| 1724 | Life of H. W. Beecher | |
| 1725 | Truxton King | G. B. McCutcheon |
| 1726 | Wormwood | Marie Correlli |
| 1727 | With Custer in the Black Hills | Bonehill |
| 1728 | The Iron Brigade | Chas. King |
| 1729 | A Certain Rich Man | Wm. Allen White |
| 1730 | Wait and Win | H. Alger |
| 1731 | Picturesque Hudson | C. Johnson |
| 1732 | The Westerners | Stewart White |
| 1733 | Trixy | E. S. Phelps |
| 1734 | Set in Silver | Williamson |
| 1735 | My People of the Plains | Talbert |
| 1736 | Sidney—Her Summer on the St. Lawrence | A. C. Ray |
| 1737 | At the Sign of the Jack-o'-lantern | Myrtle Read |
| 1738 | Forty Minutes Late and Other Stories | H. Smith |
| 2739 | The Young Miner | Alger |
| 1740 | The Household of McNeil | A. Barr |
| 1741 | The Calling of Dan Matthews | Harold Bell Wright |
| 1742 | Somehow Good | Wm. DeMorgan |
| 1743 | Comrades | T. Dixon |
| 1744 | White Mice | R. H. Davis |
| 1745 | Beulah | Augusta J. Evans |
| 1746 | The Diver's Ruby | Crawford |
| 1747 | A Tory Lover | Sarah O. Jewett |
| 1748 | Maid of Maiden Lane | Barr |

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|------|--|------------------|
| 1743 | Edna Browning | M. J. Holmes |
| 1750 | The Man on the Box | McGrath |
| 1751 | The Wings of the Morning | Louis, Tracy |
| 1752 | England—Descriptive | Cook |
| 1753 | Paul Errington and Our Scarlet Prince | Leavitt |
| 1754 | Gabriel Lusk | Aldrich |
| 1755 | Mary Starkweather | Williamson |
| 1756 | Our Little Russian Cousin | Wade |
| 1757 | Letters Home | Howells |
| 1758 | Her Brother's Letter | Anonymous |
| 1759 | Tom, Dick and Herriott | Barber |
| 1760 | The Magic Forest | E. S. White |
| 1761 | Monarch—The Big Bear | E. T. Seton |
| 1762 | Moral Instruction of Children. | Adler |
| 1763 | D. R. I. | Marquis of Lorne |
| 1764 | Ingleside | |
| 1765 | Treasure Island | Stevenson |
| 1766 | Description of Niagara | |
| 1767 | Literary Recreation | Whittier |
| 1768 | Cuckoo Clock and Tapestry Room | Molesworth |
| 1769 | Under Pressure | Tesdole |
| 1770 | Elsket | T. Nelson Page |
| 1771 | Our Little Brown Cousin | Wade |
| 1772 | Little Miss Joy Sing | Long |
| 1773 | Love's Recompense | |
| 1774 | W. Vs. Golden Legend | Canton |
| 1775 | Jackanapes | Ewing |
| 1776 | Up From Slavery | B. T. Washington |
| 1777 | Self Culture | Clark |
| 1778 | Our Little Indian Cousin | Wade |
| 1779 | Two Strings to his Bow | Mitchell |
| 1780 | The Madonna in Art | Hurll |
| 1781 | Dreamlife | Mitchell |
| 1782 | The Handy Man Afloat and Ashore | Rev. Goodnough |
| 1783 | The Children's Life of Abraham Lincoln | Putnam |

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|------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1784 | Picciola | Saintine |
| 1785 | Animal Heroes | Seton-Thompson |
| 1786 | Songs and Music | Blow |
| 1787 | The Goodness of St. Rocque | Dunbar |
| 1788 | Plutarch for Boys and Girls | |
| 1789 | A Study of Maria Edgeworth | Oliver |
| 1790 | Hyperion | Longfellow |
| 1791 | Browning Women | |
| 1792 | A Literary Courtship | Fuller |
| 1793 | Romance of Two Worlds | M. Corelli |
| 1794 | Mr. Opp | A. Hegan Rice |
| 1795 | Friday the 13th | Lawson |
| 1796 | Pontiac War Vol 1 | Parkman |
| 1797 | " " " 2 | " |
| 1798 | Mark—The Match Boy | Alger |
| 1799 | Red Horse Hill | Sidney McCall |
| 1800 | Amidee's Son | Harry Smith |
| 1801 | The Hands of Compulsion | A. Barr |
| 1802 | With Boone on the Frontier | Bonehill |
| 1803 | Ben the Luggage Boy | Alger |
| 1804 | Alice for Short | Wm. De Morgan |
| 1805 | The Kingdom of Earth | Anthony Partridge |
| 1806 | The White Sister | Crawford |
| 1807 | The Inner Shrine | Anonyms |
| 1808 | Old Rose and Silver | Myrtle Read |
| 1809 | The Goose Girl | McGrath |
| 1810 | Nedra | McCutcheon |
| 1811 | The Message | Louis Tracy |
| 1812 | Norman Holt | Capt. Chas. King |
| 1813 | The Man from Brodney's | McCutcheon |
| 1814 | Peter-Peter | Maude Radford |
| 1815 | Romance of a Plain Man | Ellen Glasgow |
| 1816 | Mildred | M. J. Holmes |
| 1817 | A Silent Partner | Stewart Phelps |
| 1818 | The Man Between | Barr |

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|------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1819 | The Country Doctor | Sara Orne Jewett |
| 1820 | Doc Gordon | M. E. W. Freeman |
| 1821 | Susannah and Sue | K. D. Wiggins |
| 1822 | A New Graft | Pansy |
| 1823 | Little Sister Snow | Frances Little |
| 1824 | Little Merchant | Optic |
| 1825 | The Merry Weathers | Laura Richards |
| 1826 | Thorns and Orange Blossoms | Braeme |
| 1827 | Satan Sanderson | H. Ermine Rivers |
| 1828 | The Master | Irving Bachellor |
| 1829 | Robinson Crusoe | Godolphin |
| 1830 | Our Little Japanese Cousin | Wade |
| 1831 | Deacon Babbitt | |
| 1832 | The Foreigner | R. Connor |
| 1833 | The Mayor's Wife | A. K. Green |
| 1834 | New York by Sunlight and Gaslight | McCabe |
| 1835 | The Little Colonel's Hero | Annie Johnston |
| 1836 | Anne of Green Gables | Montgomery |
| 1837 | The Backwoodsman | Chas. G. D. Roberts |
| 1838 | The Pillar of Light | Louis Tracy |
| 1839 | Marriage a la Mode | Mrs. H. Ward |
| 1840 | Mr. Pratt | J. C. Lincoln |

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

TO THE CITIZENS OF PLAINFIELD:

The Board respectfully submits the following report for the year ending February 15, 1910.

The school work for the past year has been in the main satisfactory. The standard of teaching better; the average attendance higher than in recent years.

The Board has taken advantage as far as practicable of the new state law which provides that "when any district shall employ graduates of a New Hampshire normal school or of any normal school in another state of equivalent grade, or persons holding a permanent New Hampshire state teacher's certificate, it shall receive a further sum of \$2.00 per week for every teacher so employed."

It recommends that in the future all teachers be obliged to meet the requirements that will insure to the town this additional aid.

The Board wishes to record its satisfaction with the results of the school supervision by a paid superintendent. This system has been inaugurated in all states that are in the advance of educational matters, and it is hoped that it may be continued in Plainfield.

The following changes in the board have taken place since the last District School meeting: L. E. Shipman was elected to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mrs. Emma A. Moulton, and Wesley W. Jordan was elected to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mrs. Lucy M. Lewin.

The Treasurer's report, the Superintendent's report, the Table of Statistics and the Roll of Honor follow.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

| | | |
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| MARY A. FREEMAN | } | School Board |
| LOUIS EVAN SHIPMAN | | of |
| WESLEY W. JORDAN | | Plainfield |

ROLL OF HONOR

Three terms—Villa Alexander, Addie Mae Rogers, Florence Mason, Bert E. Dean, Bessie R. Avery, Fred A. Rogers, Cora Goodwin.

Two terms—Sophonia Smith, Benjamin Smith, James Cook, Freddie E. Dean, Harry Smith, Doris Sanborn, Dora L. Sturtevant.

One term—Pearl M. Dean, George E. Hersey, Flora Kimball, Earle Cutts, Doris Williams, Dorothy B. Densmore, Hazel A. French, Blanche E. Avery, Bernice M. Avery, Gladys V. Roberts, Eva Hill, Marian A. Kimball, Flora B. Rogers, Chester Kimball, Charlotte M. Hall, Mildred E. Cutts, Esther V. West, John W. Mason, Mildred A. Talbert, Lydia E. Cook, Dorothy Penniman, Eleanor Hill.

STATISTICS

| School | Term | Teacher | Average Membership | Average Attendance | Percent |
|---------------|----------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| E. Plainfield | Spring | Florence E. Freeman | 11.5 | 10.6 | 92.6 |
| | Fall | Annie M. Goss | 14 | 13.9 | 92.4 |
| | Winter | " | 14 | 13.2 | 94.1 |
| Meriden | Spring | Gerty L. Wood | 31.6 | 27.6 | 87.2 |
| | Fall | " | 34.7 | 30.7 | 88.4 |
| | Winter | " | 32.7 | 28 | 85.7 |
| Penniman | Spring | Grace W. Ellis | 8.4 | 8.1 | 95.5 |
| | Fall | " | 10.9 | 10.6 | 97.1 |
| | Winter | " | 7 | 5.8 | 82.6 |
| Spencer | Spring | Flora M. Thrasher | 15.7 | 14 | 89.3 |
| | Fall | Inez A. Clark | 12.7 | 11.2 | 87.6 |
| | Winter | " | 11.9 | 10.3 | 86 |
| Plain | Spring | Bertha G. Hammond | 24.2 | 20.6 | 84.9 |
| | Fall | Nellie M. Barrett | 21.2 | 17.3 | 81.7 |
| | Winter | " | 18.8 | 16.6 | 88.4 |
| Brook | Spring | Annie L. Gourley | 10.2 | 9.8 | 96.7 |
| | Fall | " | 11.3 | 10.9 | 95.9 |
| | Winter | " | 9.3 | 8.9 | 96 |
| Hersey | Spring | Mabel S. Cutting | 6.3 | 5.5 | 86.5 |
| Black Hill | Spring | Harriet M. Jenney | 5.9 | 5.1 | 86.1 |
| | Fall-Wtr | " | 6.4 | 5.7 | 88.8 |

The school year is 31 weeks in length

Percent shows regularity of attendance of pupils

DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

SCHOOL MONEY

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Amount in treasury Feb. 15, 1909 | \$ 262 48 |
| Required to be raised by law | 1,575 00 |
| Raised by vote of district, extra | 250 00 |
| land rent | 80 24 |
| literary fund | 99 82 |
| dog tax | 183 55 |
| from state, pro. part school fund | 255 50 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | \$2,706 59 |

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS

RECEIPTS

| | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Balance in treasury Feb 15, 1909 | \$ 262 48 |
| Received from town treasurer on order | 2,444 11 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,706 59 |

EXPENDITURES

| | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Paid teachers | \$1,596 50 |
| transportation | 205 70 |
| janitor service | 43 00 |
| wood | 99 75 |
| cleaning | 16 50 |
| Enfield tuition | 82 80 |
| salary of superintendent | 300 00 |
| used for repairs | 32 18 |
| miscellaneous | 35 64 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | \$2,412 07 |

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Total amount receipts | \$2,706 59 | |
| Total amount of expenditures | 2,412 07 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1910 | | \$ 294 52 |

SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

| | |
|--|----------|
| Received from town treasurer on order of selectmen | \$174 89 |
|--|----------|

EXPENDITURES

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Paid for text books and supplies | \$174 89 |
|----------------------------------|----------|

REPAIR FUND

RECEIPTS

| | | |
|--|---------|----------|
| Received from town treasurer on order of selectmen | \$50 00 | |
| Used of school money | 32 18 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 82 18 |

EXPENDITURES

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid for repairs on school buildings | \$82 18 |
|--------------------------------------|---------|

Respectfully submitted,

MORRIS G. PENNIMAN, District Treasurer

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The work of one year should enable one the better to perform the work of the succeeding year. This, we trust, is true of the work of your superintendent of schools in Plainfield during the past two years. He feels that he has come to know much better this year the local conditions, the ways in which he could help the teachers, and the particular needs of the pupils.

The regularity of attendance of the pupils, under normal conditions, is a good barometer by which one may judge the conditions of the schools. It is a difficult matter to force a child to attend school regularly, as many times he *seems* to have very reasonable excuses for not attending, but when he wants to attend, and does attend regularly, we are led to believe that the school is doing excellent work. The marked gain in the regularity of attendance of the pupils this year over that of last year, and this is true, also, of the previous year, should afford us the greatest encouragement.

We would mention, in particular, in commending the excellent work which has been done by our teachers in the various branches taught, the teaching of English, embracing language work, both oral and written, and technical grammar. The results have been very gratifying for this subject is so often neglected. It would be hard to conceive of a school which gave too much attention to the teaching of this important subject.

We hope to see more of the Plainfield teachers holding state teachers' certificates another year. The new law, whereby certain towns by complying with certain condi-

tions, could secure a bonus of \$2 per week for every graduate of an approved normal school, or for a state certificated person, employed as teacher, created such a demand for these teachers that we were unable to secure all teachers so qualified. We would suggest that those students in your high schools and academies, who intend to teach, take these examinations for teachers before or at time of graduation, when they will be best prepared to take them.

With the comparatively small number of pupils in the Plainfield schools, the town will be able to continue to secure the benefits of the state school equalization law only through the heartiest co-operation of the school officials and parents in maintaining a high standard of regularity of attendance of the pupils. We would call your attention again to the following item, which appeared in the local paper last year:

The recent act—School Equalization Law—for the support and encouragement of common schools, which was passed by the last state legislature will benefit Plainfield if certain conditions are complied with. The present condition is that an average daily attendance of ninety-seven (97) pupils must be maintained for a year. If it falls below 97 for any time it may be brought up by a higher attendance for the other terms during the year.

The equalized (state) valuation of Plainfield is \$675,-870. No town receives help which has an equalized valuation per pupil of more than \$7,000 as determined by the average daily attendance for a school year. With less than an average daily attendance of ninety-seven (97) pupils for the year the equalized valuation per pupil exceeds \$7,000 in Plainfield.

The benefit for Plainfield for the current year, ending July 15, 1909, would be seventy-five (75) cents for each group of 25 pupils, or \$90 on the basis of 30 weeks; and

\$2 per week for one certificated teacher employed this term, making a total of \$110.

Another year it would be possible to secure the \$90 on the pupils, and a bonus of \$480 for 8 teachers, provided each one holds a state teacher's certificate which can be obtained by passing the examinations with an average rank of 70 per cent for all subjects and not less than 50 per cent in any subject. Teachers who have been graduated from approved high schools and academies in New Hampshire since 1902, the year when such schools were first approved by the state department of public instruction, are required to take only the professional subjects—Psychology, Pedagogy, School Management, and School Law—for elementary school certificate.

What must be done in Plainfield? Parents must co-operate with the school board in placing every pupil possible in school and insisting upon regular attendance. If there are any children between the ages of five and eight years not attending school their parents should see that they are placed in school this week, if they wish to help the town secure this bonus for the current year.

The help may be received this year by raising the average daily attendance to ninety-seven pupils for the year. 125 pupils should be in attendance next week. Another year the conditions can be easily met.

Plainfield should not lose this money, in fact the town contributes to the fund whether it draws from it or not, but only a small part, as the larger towns and cities contribute to it while they do not participate in its distribution.

The following statistics are from the state report for Plainfield schools:

ANNUAL STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEARS

1907-8 and 1908-9 ending July 15

| | 1907-8 | 1908-9 |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Pupils registered | 158 | 144 |
| Average membership | 105.2 | 110.1 |
| Average attendance | 87.3 | 98.2 |
| Average absence | 17.9 | 11.9 |
| Per cent attendance | 82.9 | 89.3 |
| Greatest number pupils in any school | 29 | 33 |
| Least number | 5 | 7 |
| Pupils attending academies | 31 | 24 |
| Visits by citizens | 303 | 424 |
| Visits by members of the Board | 37 | 36 |

Note: Number pupils registered present year, 125.

A COMPARISON OF THE FALL AND WINTER TERMS

1908-9 with the same terms of 1909-10

| | Fall Term | Winter Term |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Membership 1908-9 | 103.5 | 83.8 |
| Membership 1909-10 | 111.2 | 93.7 |
| Daily attendance 1908-9 | 94.2 | 73.7 |
| Daily attendance 1909-10 | 100.3 | 88.5 |

The preceding statistics speak far more forcibly than one could possibly write.

They show the following facts:

1. That with a decreasing registration of pupils for two years the schools have been able to maintain an increasing membership, as shown by the following:

| | Registration | Membership |
|--------|--------------|------------|
| 1907-8 | 158 | 105.2 |
| 1908-9 | 144 | 110.1 |

This is a most encouraging condition.

2. 303 citizens visited the schools in 1907-8, and 424 citizens in 1908-9.

3. The average daily attendance of the schools was raised from 87.3 pupils in 1907-8 to 98.2 pupils in 1908-9, thus securing nearly \$100 from state equalization fund for the use of the schools.

4. The per cent of attendance, showing how many pupils in every one hundred attend school every day during the school year, has been increased from 82.9 to 89.3. This alone must show that the parents and pupils are taking a greater interest in the schools, that the work is not being interrupted by so much irregular attendance of pupils, and that the school money is being spent to better advantage.

The motto of every community should be: Better schools this year than last year. Shall we not make it true of the present year?

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. ROBERTS, Superintendent

VITAL STATISTICS
OF THE
TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, N. H.

Births Registered in the Town of Plainfield for the year Ending Dec. 31, 1909

| Date of Birth | Place of Birth | Name of the Child (If any) | Sex and Con. | | Name of Father | Maiden Name of Mother | Residence of Parents | Occupation of Father | Birthplace of Father | Birthplace of Mother |
|---------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | | | Male | Female | | | | | | |
| Jan. 12 | Plainfield | Christine | F | L | Edward C. Waite | Eunice Stickney | Plainfield | Dan B'd'r | Plainfield | Plainfield |
| Jan. 18 | | Freida L. | F | L | Louie Bartlett | Bertha A. Roberts | " | Farmer | " | Croydon |
| Jan. 24 | | Clyde A. | F | L | Ernest H. Goodwin | Bertha A. Roberts | Plainfield | " | Royalton, Vt. | Sharon, Vt. |
| Feb. 12 | | Leland F. | M | L | Arthur W. Densmore | Esther Sanborn | " | " | Hanover | Meriden |
| Mar. 27 | | Parker | M | L | L. C. Mason | Jane Harvey | " | Laborer | N. Y. | Westport, N. Y. |
| Apr. 24 | | Thelma Nash | F | L | Marshall Parker | Elizabeth Ryan | " | Gardner | Plainfield | P'ndrige, Con |
| May 10 | | Marion | F | L | Hanson F. Nash | Sarah C. Colby | " | Merchant | " | Plainfield |
| May 18 | | Beatrice A. | F | L | John H. Whitaker | Hattie French | " | Teamster | Lebanon | " |
| June 4 | | Sturtevant | F | L | David Emery | Bertha Blood | " | Farmer | Hartland, Vt. | " |
| June 6 | Plainfield | Jessica L. | F | L | Harry Sturtevant | Jennie D. Westgate | " | " | Canton, N. Y. | " |
| Aug. 9 | | Stella Julia | F | L | Chas. J. Empey | Luella Picknell | " | " | Plainfield | " |
| Sept. 19 | | Ruby Ellen | F | L | Walter F. Williams | Lillian E. Butman | " | " | Plainfield | " |
| Oct. 5 | | Charles S. | M | L | Geo. P. Merton | Lillian E. Hersey | " | " | Plainfield | " |
| Nov. 10 | | Elmer E. | M | L | Wm. T. Sullivan | Esther M. Shackford | " | " | Plainfield | " |
| Nov. 14 | | Parrish | M | L | Alphonso E. Chambers | Lydia Austin | Meriden | Bag'e M'str | West Lebanon | Cornish |
| Dec. 14 | | Catherine M. | M | F | Maxfield Parrish | Sara B. Kimball | Plainfield | Laborer | Meriden | Canaan |
| Dec. 14 | | Lawrence J. | M | F | Edward M. Baker | Alice Sheehy | Meriden | Artist | Pennsylvania | New York |
| Dec. 14 | | Langdon W. | M | F | Walter E. Walker | Alice Sheehy | Plainfield | F'm'r-B'ch'r | Meriden | Hanover |
| Dec. 16 | | Williams | M | F | Herbert H. Williams | Emma J. Gibson | Meriden | Supt. Farm | Cornish | Maybor'gh, Ire. |
| | | | F | L | | | | Farmer | Plainfield | Meriden |

Marriages Registered in the Town of Plainfield for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1909

| Date of Marriage 1909 | Place of Marriage | Name and Surname of Groom and Bride | Residence of each at time of Marriage | Age in Years | Occupation of Groom and Bride | Place of Birth of Each | Names of Parents | Birthplace of Parents | Occupation | No of Marriage | Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|---|
| Mar. 10 | Lebanon | Fred E. Barker | E. P. Plainfield | 22 | Farmer | Plainfield | Warren A. Barker | Hanover | Blacksmith | 1 | John Wm. Barker |
| | | May M. Goodwin | Plainfield | 16 | Hous'ke'pr | " | Agnes L. Moore | Plainfield | Housewife | 1 | Clergyman |
| Apr. 24 | Orford | Fred W. Talbert | Plainfield | 29 | Teamster | Lebanon | Jonas Bartlett | Croydon | Farmer | 1 | Lebanon, N. H. |
| | | N'lie F. Flanders | Orford | 34 | Nurse | Lyme | Bradley Talbert | Enfield | Housewife | 1 | Hiram O. Ward |
| Apr. 30 | Plainfield | Edward M. Baker | Plainfield | 28 | Farmer | Plainfield | Lucy Gallup | Canada | | 2 | Cong'l C'rg'man |
| | | Sara B. Kimball | Plainfield | 18 | Housework | Hanover | Wm. Pebbles | " | | 1 | Orford, N. H. |
| June 30 | Plainfield | James N. Hood | Fairlee, Vt. | 41 | Clerk | Topsham, Vt. | Alma Tyler | Plainfield | Drover | 1 | Geo. C. Trow |
| | | Alice H. Kenyon | Plainfield | 24 | Teacher | Plainfield | Fred De F. Baker | " | Housewife | 1 | Bap. Clergyman |
| July 7 | Lebanon | Fred A. Moulton | E. P. Plainfield | 20 | Farmer | Meriden | Sarah Seales | Hanover | Stage Driver | 1 | Plainfield, N. H. |
| | | Flor' E. Freeman | Meriden | 20 | Teacher | Meriden | Clar'nce B. Kimball | Topsham, Vt. | Housewife | 1 | Geo. C. Trow |
| July 13 | Meriden | Elihu H. Slack | E. P. Plainfield | 49 | Farmer | Hanover | Anthony Hood | Plainfield | Farmer | 2 | Bap. Clergyman |
| | | E. M. Blanchard | Grantham | 37 | Hous'ke'pr | Grantham | Alma Sawyer | " | Housewife | 1 | Plainfield, N. H. |
| Oct. 11 | Br'tl'b'o, Vt | Wy'ee Wo'dward | Plainfield | 26 | Laborer | Lyme | Cytha A. Plummer | " | Housework | 1 | Frank L. Knapp |
| | | Carrie E. Ellis | Brattleboro | 26 | Hous'ke'pr | Thetford, Vt. | Emma A. Eaton | Cornish | Housewife | 1 | Clergyman |
| Nov. 2 | Meriden | Willis C. Nash | Plainfield | 52 | Farmer | Plainfield | Fred Freeman | Quechee, Vt. | Farmer | 1 | Lebanon, N. H. |
| | | Lizzie B. Phillips | Bartlett | 52 | Hous'ke'pr | Essex Ctr. | Emma J. Spaulding | Norwich, Vt. | Housework | 1 | St'ph'n S. Huse, Jr |
| Dec. 27 | Cornish | Austin W. Burr | Plainfield | 21 | Clrk | Plainfield | Henry F. Slack | Enosburg, Vt. | Housekeeper | 1 | Bap. Clergyman |
| | | Mabel E. Reed | Cornish | 28 | Hous'ke'pr | " | Laura White | Concord | " | 1 | Meriden, N. H. |
| | | | | | | | John Merrill | Grantham | " | 2 | W. H. Staples |
| | | | | | | | Sarah Hastings | Brigdwater, Vt. | Laborer | 1 | Meth. Clergyman |
| | | | | | | | Steph'n Woodward | Plainfield | Housekeeper | 1 | Brattleboro, Vt. |
| | | | | | | | Sarah J. Hadley | Springfield, Mass | Farmer | 1 | Henry R. Mc- |
| | | | | | | | Ella L. Thayer | Sharon, Vt. | Housekeeper | 2 | Cartney |
| | | | | | | | Fields Nash | Plainfield | Farmer | 3 | Cong'l C'rg'man |
| | | | | | | | Jane P. Walker | " | Housekeeper | 1 | Meriden, N. H. |
| | | | | | | | Henry H. Cota | " | Housekeeper | 1 | St'ph'n S. Huse, Jr |
| | | | | | | | Betty LeClair | " | Farmer | 1 | Bap. Clergyman |
| | | | | | | | Chas. S. Burr | " | Farmer | 1 | Meriden, N. H. |
| | | | | | | | Julia A. Whitaker | " | Farmer | 1 | " |
| | | | | | | | Fred W. Reed | " | Farmer | 1 | " |
| | | | | | | | Emma L. Hook | " | Housekeeper | 1 | " |

Deaths Registered in the Town of Plainfield for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1909

| Date of Death | Name and Surname of the Deceased | Age | | Place of Birth | S & C | Occupation | Birthplace of Father | Birthplace of Mother | Name of Father | Maiden Name of Mother |
|---------------|----------------------------------|-------|--------|-----------------|----------------|------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | Years | Months | | Male or Female | | | | | |
| 1909 | | | Days | | Color | | | | | |
| Feb. 2 | David A. Morgan | 78 | 3 | Norwich, Vt. | M | F | W'b'r'h'm, Mass | Plainfield | Samuel Morgan | Betsey Avery |
| 6 | Fanny R. Morgan | 78 | 5 | Plainfield | M | H | Bristol, R. I. | " | Nath'l J. Manchester | Polly Wheeler |
| 14 | David Russel | 78 | 22 | Lawrence, N. Y. | S | L'm'b'rman | Malone, N. Y. | Messena, N. Y. | Jos. Russel | Agnes Bessom |
| 23 | Avis Hadley | 76 | 2 | Weath'sf'd, Vt | M | H | Lebanon | Plainfield | Enos Spalding | Lucretia Downs |
| Mar. 8 | James S. Wood | 80 | 6 | Plainfield | M | F | | | Capt. Jos. Wood | Mary Smith |
| 13 | Mrs. Martha J. Davis | 84 | 4 | Grafton | M | F | | | Stephen Hersey | |
| Apr. 13 | Jason F. Johnston | 66 | 2 | Claremont | M | M | | | Thos. Johnston | Delilah Haven |
| 24 | Thelma Nash | 62 | 0 | Plainfield | F | F | Plainfield | Poundb'dg, Con | Hanson F. Nash | Elizabeth T. Ryan |
| May 5 | Cornelia E. Jordan | 62 | 1 | Hartford, Vt. | F | H | Hartford, Vt. | Newport | Jas. C. Davis | Geer |
| 13 | Ellen M. Morse | 65 | 9 | Meriden | F | H | Newport | Wear | Silas Dunclee | Sarah Thatcher |
| June 12 | Allen Colby Root | 62 | 9 | Weare | M | Carpenter | Plainfield | Grantham | Allen C. Root | Sarah Colby |
| 13 | Carlross Dyer Cobb | 63 | 1 | Plainfield | M | F | | | Wm. D. Colby | Sabrina Smith |
| July 27 | Edmund H. Cobb | 86 | 8 | Cornish | M | M | | | | |
| Aug. 5 | Jas. E. Kenyon | 76 | 6 | Plainfield | M | M | | | | |
| Sept. 9 | Eliza F. Manchester | 78 | 7 | Newfane, Vt. | F | H | Cornish | Plainfield | Joseph Kenyon | Sarah Farmer |
| Oct. 1 | Ruby E. Merton | 78 | 12 | Meriden | F | F | Wardsboro', Vt | Wardsboro', Vt | Hollis Twitchell | Charlotte Rugg |
| 10 | John Peterson | 78 | 9 | Plainfield | M | H | Fr'm'g'm, Mass | Cornish | Geo. P. Merton | Pearl E. Butman |
| 27 | Mary I. Flint | 40 | 6 | Plainfield | F | F | Saratogo, N. Y. | Plainfield | Chas. J. Kenyon | Amy B. Westgate |
| Dec. 10 | Mary Brocklebank | 50 | 17 | Hanover | F | H | Plainfield | | Julius J. Mason | Elizabeth White |
| 19 | Malinda Chappell | 79 | 6 | Lyme | F | H | Hanover | | | Lydia Chandler |
| 19 | Ella E. Chadbourne | 4 | 9 | Cornish | F | H | Cornish | Plainfield | Frank J. Chadbourne | Georgianna Peterson |

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

EDWIN G. KENYON, Town Clerk

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